

Mid-County Regional Center

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Dec 2018 Report

Wheaton Urban District

- The Wheaton Revitalization Project reached street level. To commemorate this milestone, the former County Executive, MCDOT and the developer recognized the work of the construction workers with a ceremony and lunch (provided by local Wheaton restaurants).
- Triangle Lane work – Starting Jan 7th work to put Verizon conduits underground as mandated by Council will commence. Work will be conducted at night (10 pm – 6 am) to minimize disruption to the businesses. This summer all of Triangle will be resurfaced.
- Meeting has been scheduled between WUDAC and Stonebridge to discuss Town Plaza.
- MCDOT will be setting up meeting with M. Paylor for select WUDAC members to discuss Reddie Dr.
- MCDOT has JLL under contract for a market analysis for the retail space which will be available in the new building. The County has to wait for the Master Lease to be done – probably not till Spring. Then they can move forward with the process for notifying and leasing the retail space.
- Briefings were held to inform County leaders about the recommendations from the feasibility study for an arts/cultural facility in Wheaton. The consultants ascertained that a facility would be feasible and provided various potential models. They will be drafting a business and sustainability plan which they will submit by Summer 2019.
- MCDOT has scheduled pedestrian safety educational events at Westfield Mall during the Holidays.
 - Dec 15 and 22 – DEP and DOT
- MCRSC is working with MCDOT and SHA on an MOU to install a pedestrian barrier on Georgia Ave in the urban district that is aesthetically pleasing.
- Striping has been upgraded on Georgia.
- Wheaton Urban District is meeting with relevant County agencies (including OMB) regarding increased responsibilities, maintenance and programming for the Marian Fryer Town Plaza and grounds surrounding the new building, including sharing responsibilities and budgetary impacts.
- The Wheaton Urban District received a technical assistance grant from the Maryland State Arts Council to conduct an ethnographic survey of Latino contributions to the folk and traditional arts in and around Wheaton. The survey was conducted by Dr. Maria Sprehn and the report is currently being finalized.

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- For the second time this year, Police-District 4 partnered with MCRSC and MCDOT for an orange cone pick-up through the Connecticut Ave Estates and Glenmont Forest neighborhoods. The education and pick-up of these cones used illegally to reserve parking has had a marked impact on the number of cones being used; however, the County committed to doing a sweep twice a year. Eighty-eight cones were collected.

- After a transportation safety analysis, numerous conversations with community leaders and residents, MCDOT will be restricting parking on Brightview Rd, a short, but much used street in Connecticut Ave Estates. This had been requested by the civic associations and residents for years.
- RSC Director facilitated a meeting between Westfield/Wheaton mall and the Kensington Heights Civic Association (KHCA) regarding KHCA's request for Westfield to construct noise wall and sidewalk along the property line between the mall and their community. Westfield indicated they could not commit to additional CIP projects at this point but are in continued dialogue with KHCA about alternatives that would improve access and safety.

Upcoming Community Activities

Last LISTENING SESSION – Dec 20th at EHS

D18 Town Hall and Toy Drive on Dec 19th at 7 pm in Kensington

Mid County BUDGET FORUM – Jan 23rd at the Mid County Recreation Center

- **The County Executive's Priority Outcomes & Indicators (hand-out)**